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S E C R E T THE HAGUE 3218

SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF

1. SCHOTT ACCOMPANIED BY EMBOFF MET WITH MFA DIRECTOR
HUYDECOPER TO DISCUSS CARTEL AGREEMENT AND NIGERIAN-BIAFRAN
DISCUSSIONS ON RELIEF. AFTER TOUR D'HORIZON COVERING STATUS
ICRC DAYLIGHT AIRLIFT PROPOSALS AND BACKGROUND CROSS RIVER
DISCUSSIONS, IN WHICH HUYDECOPER EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE
PATERNAL INTEREST, FOLLOWING POINTS EMERGED.

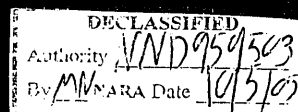
2. ICRC MISMANAGED ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH LAGOS AND NOW
LAGOS SHOULD BE PRESSED ACCEPT RANDOM SLECTION PROPOSAL
AS MODIFICATION OF BASIC PLAN ALLOWING LAGOS EXERCISE
NOMINAL SOVEREIGNTY OVER AIRLIFT.

3. MIDDELKOOP APPROACHED MFA AFTER LAST WEEK'S JCA MEETING
GENEVA REQUESTING THAT NETHS NEGOTIATE WITH LAGOS ON
DAYLIGHT AIRLIFT PROPOSAL FOR JCA. HUYDECOPER INCLINED
CALL HAGUE GROUP, ICRC AND JCA TOGETHER IN GENEVA TO WORK
OUT AIRLIFT PROPOSAL INVOLVING SOME RECOGNITION NIGERIAN
SOVEREIGNTY AS ABOVE.

4. MIDDELKOOP INDICATED SITUATION IN BIAFRA NOW BARELY

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MANAGEABLE DUE LIMITED SUCCESS AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM, THROUGH THE LINES TRAFFIC, AND JCA'S AIRLIFT. HOWEVER, PART OF PROBLEM WAS LACK FUNCTIONING ECONOMY AND GOVERNMENT RATIONING.

5. WE NOTED SIGNIFICANCE GENEVA TALKS AS PRECEDENT AND POSSIBILITY IT GAVE PARTIES RAISE OTHER MATTERS IF THEY WERE SO INCLINED. HUYDECOPER COMMENTED THAT BIAFRANS HAD FELT DECEIVED BY U.S. WHEN CROSS RIVER PLAN ANNOUNCED WITHOUT NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WOULD HAVE BROUGHT PARTIES TO TABLE WITH U.S. PRESENT.

6. HUYDECOPER CONSIDERS OUR PROPOSAL THAT NETHS ACT TO OBTAIN NEUTRAL INSPECTORS WITHIN FRAMEWORK OUR ORIGINAL AGREEMENTS ON MANAGEMENT CROSS RIVER PLAN AND HAGUE GROUP. NETHS PREPARED OFFER INSPECTORS AND IN CONNECTION AIRLIFT PROPOSAL HAS ALREADY SO INFORMED ARIKPO.

7. WITH REGARD SPONSORSHIP HUYDECOPER WISHES STUDY CARTEL AND DECIDE WHETHER NETHS COULD PARTICIPATE WITH OTHER NEUTRALS (EXCLUDING U.S.) IN CONSORTIUM ARRANGEMENT WHICH WE CONTEMPLATE AS POSSIBLE FALLBACK POSITION. HE UNDERSTANDABLY RULED OUT ANY NETHS PARTICIPATION INVOLVING USE NAVAL ESCORTS, PROTECTION, ETC.

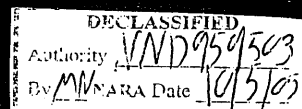
8. LUNS RETURNS THIS WEEK-END AND MFA FEELS SOME PRESSURE PLAY ACTIVE ROLE AGAIN DUE INCREASED PUBLIC INTEREST HERE. HUYDECOPER APPRECIATED OPPORTUNITY DISCUSSIONS PROVIDED TO BRING HIM BACK INTO PICTURE.

9. WHILE DISCUSSIONS RAISED HINTS INCREASED POLITICAL INTEREST U.S.G., NO INITIATIVES PRESENTLY UNDER STUDY WERE MENTIONED. HUYDECOPER SENSES DIRECTION U.S. INTERESTS AND ANXIOUS PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IN GENEVA DISCUSSIONS. HE OFFERED MEET FERGUSON IN GENEVA WHEN CALLED.

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SUBJECT: MOSLEM INTERNATIONAL RELIEF ORGANIZATION

OFFERS QTE RELIEF UNQTE TO US

REFI LAGOS A-351 OF JULY 26

PH 27-9 Biafra Nigeria

1. ON AUGUST 20 ALHAJ JA USMAN, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MOSLEM INTERNATIONAL RELIEF ORGANIZATION (MIRO) IN CALLED ON CHARGE TO EXPRESS SYMPATHY HIS ORGANIZATION FOR VICTIMS HURRICANE CAMILLE. AS USMAN POINTED OUT IN NEWSLETTER (RAPIDLY PRODUCED FOR ISSUANCE SAME DAY) MIRO REALIZED AMERICAN GOVERNMENT QTE HAS EVERY MATERIAL CONVENIENCE TO PROVIDE RELIEF FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS UNQTE BUT HE BELIEVES MIRO CAN CONTRIBUTE QTE PRACTICAL MESSAGE OF GOODWILL COUPLED WITH SPIRITUAL GESTURE FAITH UNQTE. USMAN ALSO MADE IT CLEAR HE EXPECTED HIS ORGANIZATION SEND HIM TO THE UNITED STATES FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2. CHARGE SENT LETTER TO USMAN THANKING HIM FOR THOUGHTFUL CONCERN EXPRESSED BY MIRO AND NOTING LARGE MEASURE EXTERNAL RELIEF STILL NEEDED FOR VICTIMS NIGERIAN CIVIL WAR. WE THEREFORE BELIEVE BEST PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION RECIPROCAL GOODWILL WOULD BE RECOGNIZING RELIEF EFFORTS HERE IN NIGERIA. EMBASSY PROMISED CONVEY MIRO MESSAGE TO US GOVERNMENT.

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SUBJ: Nigeria: Cross River Discussions

REF: Geneva 2992 -out

1. Revised Itinerary Amb. Ferguson follows:

Aug 25 8:00 AM Ar London TWA 704

Aug 25 1:15 PM Lv London BEA 556

Aug 25 2:35 PM Ar Geneva BEA 556

Aug 31 1:30 PM Lv Geneva SR 724

Aug 31 2:25 PM Ar Paris SR 724

2. View of revision, suggest Schott contact Cookey/Obi

Monday afternoon for exploration positions and reactions
to Cartel.

3. Set Dinner appointment for Ferguson with Kolo for

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Monday night at place can talk privately away from crowds.

4. Set Plenary Session for 3:00 PM Tuesday at Villa.

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1. Ambassador Ferguson has written Bayer informing him that should the Pope wish he will be in Geneva August 25 to September 2 and would be available to meet with the Pope August 29, 30, 31, ~~September~~ ~~XXXXXX~~

2. The Embassy requested consult with Bayer or in his absence Monsignor Gasparri, Under Secretary of "Consiglio per gli Affari Publici della Chiesa," on a possible appointment.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 7608

SUBJ: GOWON'S CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE US INITIATIVES

REF: A. LAGOS 7579; B. STATE 141855; C. ADDIS ABABA 3737

1. UPON RECEIPT REF B I CALLED BABA GANA AND PASSED ON DEPT'S CONFIRMATION THAT THERE NO TRUTH TO REPORT FROM NIGERIAN EMB ADDIS ABABA.

2. I ALSO DISCUSSED SECRETARY ROGERS' PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT ON NIGERIA WITH HIM. HE SAID ONLY HE DISAPPOINTED AT PESSIMISTIC TONE. I POINTED OUT TIMING WAS SUCH THAT SECRETARY COULD NOT HAVE SEEN GOWON'S RELATIVELY OPTIMISTIC SPEECH FROM MONROVIA BEFORE HE GAVE PRESS CONFERENCE. THIS SATISFIED HIM. I DID NOT TELL HIM THAT SECRETARY'S ASSESSMENT

OF SITUATION WOULD NOT HAVE DIFFERED. EVEN IF HE HAD SEEN GOWON SPEECH. I THEN ASKED HIM IF I COULD CONSIDER MATTER CLOSED AND HE AGREED THAT I COULD.

3. REF PARA 3. REFERENCE C WILL DO NOTHING FURTHER HERE UNLESS RIGHT OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF IN SOCIAL CONVERSATION WITH BABA GANA. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR AMB HAGUE TO NAIL

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SUBJ: UK APPROACH TO SWISS GOVT RE ICRC

1. COUNSELOR UK EMBASSY INFORMED US THAT HE APPROACHED FED
POL DEPT (GELZER) EVENING AUGUST 21 TO ASK SWISS GOVT TO URGE
MODERATION AND RESTRAINT ON ICRC.

2. BRITISH FEAR THAT IF FMG TURNS DOWN OR DELAYS REPLY TO
ICRC LATEST QTE MODIFIED PROVISIONAL PROPOSAL UNQTE (WHICH
WE UNDERSTAND IS FOR FLIGHTS FROM COTONOU TO ULI WITH INSPEC-
TION AT COTONOU BY NIGERIANS BUT WITH RIGHT TO SPOT CHECK
OCCASIONAL FLIGHT BY HAVING IT LAND AT LAGOS), QTE HAWKS UNQTE
IN ICRC WILL GET UPPER HAND AND DO SOMETHING DESPERATE BECAUSE
THEY FEEL THEY CANNOT GO TO SEPT 6 RED CROSS CONFERENCE WITH
STATUS QUO.

3. THIS MORNING THALMANN SUMMONED UK AMBASSADOR, SAID MATTER
HAD BEEN CAREFULLY CONSIDERED LAST NIGHT IN FPD AND TAKEN TO
FED COUNCILOR SPUEHLER, AND SWISS DECISION WAS NOT RPT NOT
TO INTERVENE WITH ICRC. IT WAS POLITICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR
ICRC TO SHOW UP AT ISTANBUL WITH NOTHING, AND SEPT 6 WAS
THEREFORE AN QTE ABSOLUTE DEADLINE. UNQTE THALMANN ADDED
NAVILLE HAD BEEN QTE VERY PATIENT UNQTE DESPITE THE SHOOTING
DOWN OF A RED CROSS AIRCRAFT WHICH WAS QTE THE WORST CRIME
IN RED CROSS HISTORY. UNQTE

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1. Ferguson revised itinerary sent septel.
2. Request Fonmin/Alphand appointment Sept. 1. Urgent make
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appointment as/~~soon~~ as possible.
3. Ferguson delighted accept Blake invitation.

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Subj: Gowon's Concern at Possible US Initiatives

1. Nigerian Ambassador Iyalla called at Dept Aug. 22 on instruction, to register Gowon's concern at alleged US proposals made to Diallo Telli re (a) expanding CONCOM and (b) amended OAU resolution on Nigeria. Deptoffs explained circumstances, noting conversation on forthcoming OAU meeting between Ambassador Hall and Diallo Telli which took place in Addis on Dept. instruction. He was told this was merely usual routine inquiry on subjects likely to be raised during course OAU meeting. It was made clear no US initiatives were involved. Iyalla was also given copy Secretary's press conference statement and it was suggested to him that pessimism related to faltering relief effort. Iyalla appeared to accept these explanations and stated his gratification at receiving copy of press statement.
2. Iyalla then, however, began to press hard on question C-97 aircraft engines at Monrovia. He said he had recommended that they be impounded and turned over to FMG for investigation. He suggested they intended for something other than JCA relief aircraft.

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SUBJ: BENELUX CALLS ON NIGERIA/BIAFRA TO PERMIT RELIEF FLIGHTS

1. MFA PUBLISHED TEXT AUG 20 OF FOLLOWING JOINT BENELUX STATEMENT WHICH WAS TRANSMITTED TO NIGERIA/BIAFRA, CALLING ON BOTH PARTIES TO PERMIT MERCY FLIGHTS INTO WAR-TORN AREA (UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED):

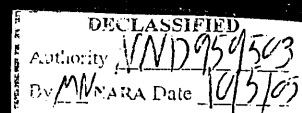
2. "THE GOVTS OF NETHS, BELGIUM, AND LUXEMBOURG, LONG SINCE MOVED BY THE SUFFERING OF THE NIGERIAN WAR CIVILIAN VICTIMS, HEREBY EXPRESS THEIR SERIOUS CONCERN IN CONNECTION WITH THE RENEWED INCREASE OF FAMINE IN THE AREAS RAVAGED BY HOSTILITIES.

3. "THEY DEEPLY REGRET THAT STILL NO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON THE RESUMPTION OF RELIEF FLIGHTS, AND URGENTLY CALL ON THE PARTIES IN CONFLICT, BEARING IN MIND THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE EMERGENCY SITUATION FROM THE HUMANITARIAN POINT OF VIEW, TO GRANT ALL COOPERATION TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT WHICH WILL ENABLE THE ICRC AND OTHER HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS TO RESUME THEIR RELIEF ACTIVITIES."

4. VAN ARKEL, CHIEF MFA AFRICAN AFFAIRS, TELLS US STATEMENT

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WAS ISSUED AT BELGIAN INITIATIVE IN RESPONSE ICRC APPEAL
FOR SUPPORT ITS PROPOSALS. HE STATED BENELUX WAS RELUCTANT
ENDORSE PROPOSALS WHICH HAD NOT BEEN ACCEPTED, ACCOUNTING
FOR MORE GENERAL APPEAL TO COMBATANTS ON BEHALF ALL RELIEF
ORGANIZATION. VAN ARKEL AGREED NETHS PARTICIPATION THIS
ACTION WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO GON IN FALL PARLIAMENTARY
SESSION. MIDDENDORF

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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF ICRC AIDE MEMOIRE ON EMERGENCY
DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS

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1. BIGNANI GAVE US TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE DATED AUGUST 20 WHICH CONTAINS PROPOSAL FOR EMERGENCY DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS FROM COTONOU TO ULI FOR THREE-WEEK PERIOD. HE DELIVERED IT TO ENAHORO (EXTAFF) AUGUST 20 WITH REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL BEFORE WEEKEND WITH ARIKPO AFTER LATTER'S RETURN FROM UPPER VOLTA TODAY.

2. AIDE MEMOIRE SETS OUT EIGHT PARAGRAPH HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF ICRC EFFORTS ARRANGE DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS SINCE ICRC STOPPED NIGHT FLIGHTS ON JUNE 12. EMERGENCY DAYLIGHT PROPOSAL IS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH NINE, FULL TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS, QUOTED IN ENTIRETY.

3. BEGIN QUOTE IN ORDER TO OVERCOME, THEREFORE, THE CONTINUATION OF THE STALEMATE, THE ICRC PUT FORWARD FURTHER COMPROMISE PROPOSALS WHICH THEIR REPRESENTATIVE RECENTLY

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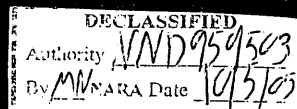
DISCUSSED IN LAGOS WITH THE FMG. THESE DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON A PROPOSAL THAT THERE COULD BE A THREE-WEEK PERIOD OF EMERGENCY FLIGHTS. THESE FLIGHTS WOULD DEPART FROM COTONOU. LATER, IF THIS PROVED POSSIBLE, THEY WOULD ALSO START FROM SANTA ISABEL. THE ICRC REPRESENTATIVE FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT THE FMG SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT OF CONTROL AND INSPECTION AT THE AIRPORTS OF DEPARTURE. HOWEVER, IF THE FMG WISHED TO WAIVE THIS RIGHT, THE ICRC WOULD BE PREPARED TO TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR INSPECTION AND CONTROL BEARING IN MIND THAT 93 FMG WOULD RETAIN THE RIGHT (AS PROPOSED IN PARAGRAPH 2.7 OF THE TECHNICAL NOTE OF 4 AUGUST) TO CALL DOWN AIRCRAFT PASSING OVER FEDERAL TERRITORY FOR INSPECTION IN LAGOS. THE ICRC REPRESENTATIVE REQUESTED PERMISSION FOR SIX TO EIGHT FLIGHTS PER DAY. THESE FLIGHTS WOULD CARRY FOOD, MEDICINE, PHARMACEUTICAL GOODS WHEN SPECIFIC NEED ARISE FOR SUPPLYING ICRC VEHICLES FLEET WITH SPARE PARTS AND PETROL. SPECIAL APPROVAL WOULD BE SOUGHT AS DISCUSSED BETWEEN CHIEF ENAHORO AND THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AT THE MEETING OF JUNE 30, 1969. OTHER MODALITIES WOULD BE AS IN THE TECHNICAL NOTE OF 4 AUGUST. END QUOTE

4. NOTE THEN STRESSES QUOTE IT IMPORTANT FMG RESPONSE BE RECEIVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER ALLOW ICRC REPRESENTATIVE CARRY THIS AGREEMENT TO GENEVA BEFORE THE WEEKEND SO THAT PROPOSALS CAN BE PUT TO SECESSIONISTS UNQUOTE. ICRC ALSO MAKES POINT THAT FMG POSITION WOULD BE ENHANCED AT ISTANBUL CONFERENCE IF FLIGHTS RESTARTED, EVEN IF ONLY ON LIMITED BASIS.

5. LAST TWO PARAGRAPHS ALSO STRESS IMPORTANCE EARLY DECISION. BEGIN QUOTE. UNDER PRESSURE FROM DONORS (PRIVATE AND PUBLIC AGENCIES AS WELL AS GOVERNMENTS) THE ICRC WILL IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS BE COMPELLED TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO WITHDRAW ENTIRELY FROM ITS PRESENT ROLE IN THE SUPPLY AND CARRIAGE OF RELIEF. IF IT DOES SO WITHDRAW, IT WILL HAVE TO SURRENDER ITS GOODS AND MATERIALS TO THE ORIGINAL DONORS. SUCH A DECISION CANNOT BE UNDERESTIMATED IN ITS FAR-REACHING CONSEQUENCES. IN ADDITION, THE ICRC CANNOT CONTINUE FOR MUCH LONGER TO HOLD ON TO ITS STORES OF FOOD, MEDICINE AND PHARMACEUTICAL GOODS WHICH ARE PERISHABLE AND THEREFORE ARE IN DANGER OF BECOMING UNFIT FOR CONSUMPTION. END QUOTE

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6. AUGUST 4 TECHNICAL MEMO ATTACHED TO AIDE MEMOIRE CONTAINS "ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION" TO INSPECTION PARTY OUTLINED PARA. 2.1; ALTERNATIVE PROVIDES FOR INSPECTION BY REPRESENTATIVE OF FMR, REPRESENTATIVE OF ICRC, AND REPRESENTATIVE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PRESUMABLY DAHOMEY).

7. FULL TEXT BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT

8. CHARGE SAW BABA GANA, PERMSEC MINEXTAFF NOON TODAY AND URGED IMPORTANCE BIGNAMI GETTING APPOINTMENT WITH ARIKPO BEFORE WEEKEND. BABA GANA ONLY COMMENTED ARIKPO DUE BACK THIS AFTERNOON. GP-3.

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